

West Hartford Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 24, 2014

Time: 5:30 pm.

Place: Room 217, Town Hall

Board Members Present:

Chris Bennett, Mandy Pike, Mike Esernia, Lynne Tapper, Jennifer Strassfeld, Brian Steckrof

Board Members Absent:

Bruce Whitney, John Zinn, Sarah Needham

Others Present:

Helen Rubino-Turco, Marc Blanchard, Friends of Fernridage Park

1. Fernridge Park Master Plan/Friends of Fernridge Park

The Friends of Fernridge Park were welcomed to the meeting. They spoke about their organization and some initiatives moving forward. The town has contracted with Peter Menutti of UConn to put together a conceptual vision for Fernridge Park. A public neighborhood meeting has been scheduled at Braeburn Elementary School for Wednesday April 9.

2. Construction Projects

Helen provided updates on ongoing construction projects planned at multiple sites. These included:

Goodrich Fields:	Concession/restrooms (Spring 2014)
Uconn Fields:	Concession/restrooms (Fall 2014)
WH Senior Center	Hallway/door/path to patio (Spring 2014)
Sterling Field	Handicapped Parking (Spring 2014)
Cornerstone Aquatics	Front Entrance, interior renovations (2014)
Beachland Park	Road improvements, Pool renovation (Fall 2014)

Some projects are awaiting approval for use of CDBG Funding. There will also be a public meeting for The Beachland Projects at Elmwood Community Center on Tuesday April 8.

3. Feast on the Farm

The department has decided to not hold a feast this Spring.

4. Dog Park Update

The Town is still exploring options including Troutbrook site near Whole Foods and Wolcott Park area.

5. Other Business:

Helen Rubino-Turco explained that the town has submitted an application for West Hartford to be named a Bike Friendly Community. We hope to hear about the decision in April.

Next meeting April 28, 5:45pm on site at Beachland Park, 847 South Quaker Lane

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM